

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A device for supporting a medical element above a bed, comprising:
a base mountable to the bed;
a clamp to hold the medical element, wherein the clamp has opposing surfaces that close to hold the medical element and open to release the medical element; and
a rod extending between the base and the clamp to support the medical element above the bed.

Claim 2 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the base is adhered to the bed.

Claim 3 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the base is slidably mounted to the bed.

Claim 4 (Original): The device of claim 1 further comprising a bar connected to the bed to slidably support the base.

Claim 5 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is length adjustable.

Claim 6 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the base is pivotally connected to the bed.

Claim 7 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is pivotally connected to the base.

Claim 8 (Original): The device of claim 1 further comprising a member having a foot adapted to fit beneath a mattress on the bed, a leg extending upwardly from the foot, and an arm extending outwardly from the leg and adapted to support and position the base over the mattress.

Claim 9 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is rigid.

Claim 10 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is moveable between a use position and a non-use position.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A medical tool support device, comprising:
a base mountable to a bed;
~~a~~ an articulated clamp for holding the tool; and
a rod having a first end connected to the base and a second end connected to the clamp, and being
moveable between operative and inoperative positions.

Claim 12 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is pivotal between the operative and inoperative positions.

Claim 13 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the base is slidably mounted to the bed.

Claim 14 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is telescopically extensible.

Claim 15 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the base is adhered to the bed.

Claim 16 (Original): The device of claim 11 further comprising a bar connected to the bed to slidably support the base.

Claim 17 (Original): The device of claim 11 further comprising a member having a foot adapted to fit beneath a mattress on the bed, a leg extending upwardly from the foot, and an arm extending outwardly from the leg to support the base and thereby position the medical element over the mattress.

Claim 18 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is rigid.

Claim 19 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is moveable between a substantially vertical position and a substantially horizontal position.

Claim 20 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is hooked to the base.